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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1936

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SA

SUBJECT: SANG MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 71088; B) JIDDA 1905

SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER, HRH PRINCE  
ABDULLA, SIGNED USG LETTER OF OFFER APRIL 14, 1974  
FOR \$272 MILLION TO COVER MECHANIZATION OF FOUR  
INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND FORMATION OF ONE ARTILLERY  
BATTALION. ISSUE OF SELECTION OF SUB CONTRACTOR  
TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AND  
WAS SETTLED TO OUR SATISFACTION. DETAILS ARE BEING  
SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM (NO. 25).

2. TEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO PRINCE ABDULLA  
FOLLOWS:

"YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR DISCUSSION ON APRIL 14,  
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I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO

COMPLETE OUR PROCESS OF SELECTION OF THE PRIME SUB-  
CONTRACT CIVILIAN FIRM BY JULY 31, 1974.

"IT IS OUR PLAN TO RE-EXAMINE THE LIST OF INTERESTED  
FIRMS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE MIGHT BE ONE OR  
TWO OTHERS, IN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF SIX WE HAVE  
ALREADY PRE-QUALIFIED, THAT MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE BIDDING ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL SIX. ALL FIRMS  
SELECTED WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
PREPARED BY THE U.S. ARMY PROGRAM MANAGER. THE FIRMS  
WILL THEN BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE KINGDOM TO  
STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS AND TO PREPARE THEIR PROPOSALS.  
THE U.S. ARMY PROGRAM MANAGER WILL THEN EXAMINE THEIR  
PROPOSALS, AND WILL SELECT THE TWO BEST QUALIFIED. HE  
WILL PROVIDE ME WITH A STATEMENT OF THE ADVANTAGES AND  
DISADVANTAGES OF EACH OF THE FIRST TWO, WHICH I  
WILL DISCUSS WITH YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS PRIOR TO  
MAKING THE FINAL DECISION ON WHICH OF THE TWO WILL  
BE AWARDED THE SUB-CONTRACT BY THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT.

"THE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS WAS TRULY A MOMENTOUS OCCASION. I AM  
CONFIDENT THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS  
AND THAT IT WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF  
MUTUAL COOPERATION THAT HAVE SO LONG MARKED OUR  
RELATIONSHIP.

RESPECTFULLY,

JAMES E. AKINS  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR"

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